

DATE: June 12, 2012

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Susie Byrd

ADDRESS: Two Civic Center Plaza, District 2 TELEPHONE 915-541-4416

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR

Agenda for the Council Meeting of June 19, 2012

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Veronica Carbajal to the Fair Housing Task Force by Representative Susie Byrd, District 2. To fill the category; advocates for human/civil rights with the community.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Fair Housing Task Force

NOMINATED BY: Representative Susie Byrd DISTRICT: 2

NAME OF APPOINTEE Veronica Carbajal
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: vcarbajal@trla.org

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1331 Texas Ave

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79901 PHONE: 915-585-5107

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: PHONE:

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES:

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Larry Garcia

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 04/27/2012

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: XX
RESIGNED
REMOVED

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 06/19/2012

TERM BEGINS ON : 04/28/2012

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 04/27/2014

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: XX

2nd TERM:

UNEXPIRED TERM:

Verónica Carbajal

Attorney At Law

Work:

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. (TRLA)
1331 Texas Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 585-5107

Education: **The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX**
J.D., May 2004

- William J. Steeger Endowed Presidential Scholarship, 2001-2002 Recipient
- Jaime Davila Endowed Scholarship in Law, 2002-2003 Recipient
- Judge Bill Junell Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law, 2003-2004 Recipient
- Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy, Submissions Editor, 2003-2004; Staff, 2002-2003
- Immigration Clinic, 2004

Brown University, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Environmental Studies and Ethnic Studies, May 1998
G.P.A.: 3.56

- Andrew W. Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship
- Honors Environmental Studies Thesis: *Chicanas and Environmental Justice*
- Co-founder and Co-editor, *Somos*, Latina/o Literary Magazine
- Member, *MEChA*

Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico

Semester Abroad, Fall 1996

- Volunteer Teacher, Ixtliyollotl Education Center

Law License Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas since November of 2004

Languages Fluent in Spanish

Work **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. (TRLA), El Paso, TX: June 2004 – Present**

Staff Attorney and Team Manager: Duties include the provision of legal advice to hundreds of clients and legal services ranging from limited services to litigation to over 220 clients. The subjects of these cases include housing law (public and private landlord/tenant; fair housing law; real estate), public benefits, civil rights, and environmental justice. Managerial duties include supervising the provision of legal services in over 360 cases since October of 2009. Named a Rising Star by *Texas Super Lawyers* magazine in 2010.

Mithoff & Jacks, L.L.P., Austin, TX: May 2002 – February 2004

Law Clerk: Duties include preparing case pleadings and filings, conducting legal research, and translating documents.

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX: January 2003 - October 2003

Research Assistant, Prof. Karen Engle: Conducted research for law review articles.

American Civil Liberties Union, Texas Chapter, Austin, TX: May 2001 – August 2001

Volunteer Intern: Conducted research on international human rights.

Paso del Norte Clean Cities Coalition, El Paso, TX: February 1999 - August 2001

Air Quality Program Outreach Coordinator: Oversaw binational, bilingual air quality and vehicle maintenance outreach programs; prepared U.S. E.P.A.'s national guide for reaching Spanish-speaking Americans; received U.S. D.O.E. Clean Cities Inc. 2000 Public Outreach Award.

Environmental Defense, El Paso, TX: June 1998 - February 1999

Intern/Consultant: Translated a book, a strategic plan and manuals for binational air quality program.

People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources (PODER), Austin, TX; Present; Summer 1997

Board of Directors: Youth Representative

Volunteer Intern: Taught environmental workshop at the Montopolis Recreation Center and maintained the Montopolis Community Youth Garden.

Childhood Lead Action Project–Lead Poisoning Advocacy, Providence, RI: February 1997 - May 1997
Intern: Prepared and documented meetings, staffed the office, and organized press conferences.

Office of Student Life, Brown University, Providence, RI: September 1995- May 1996
Residential Counselor: Provided counseling and organized activities and meetings for a first-year unit of 45 students.

Environmental Studies Diversity Working Group, Brown University, Providence, RI: Sept. 1995 - May 1996
Coordinator: Coordinated the Center for Environmental Studies' recruitment and retention of concentrators of color.

Undergraduate Teaching Research Assistant, Brown University, Providence, RI: June 1995 - September 1995
Research Assistant: Assisted Director of the Center for Environmental Studies in revising curriculum for environmental studies introductory course.

**Volunteer
Work**

Brown University Alumni Association

Area Chair for Midland-Amarillo-El Paso: Duties include organizing Brown alumnae who then interview applicants for admission: 2007 to 2011

Volunteer: Duties include interviewing Brown applicants for admission and making presentations at various college forums/fairs: 1998 to present

Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project, El Paso, TX: 2008 to present

Local Board member

Texas Civil Rights Project, Austin, TX: 2012 to present

State Board Member

References available upon request.